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Cowlitz County nurse's license permanently revoked following sexual assault

OLYMPIA — A Longview registered nurse's license was permanently revoked for sexually assaulting a vulnerable adult.

The Washington State Department of Health and the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission initially took action against Ivan Pedersen in June 2013. He was charged with sexually assaulting a woman while both of them were under the influence of drugs. The woman was found dead the next morning after suffering a drug overdose. Pedersen's license was immediately suspended at the time. This permanent revocation order completes the legal process that started with the suspension.

The order can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#) or copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by regulation of nursing practice. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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